

Media Release

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Recent Incidents Overview – Methamphetamine found in Furniture Safe / Rescue

K9 Alert reveals nearly 5 pounds of methamphetamine in a furniture safe (media release delayed due to ongoing investigation) –

On November 18, 2014, at approximately 7:30 AM, K9 deputies arrested Candelario Fonseca, age 33 from Missouri, and Callie Smith, age 27 from Missouri, on numerous drug charges following the discovery 4.8 pounds of methamphetamine and a firearm in their vehicle. Both remain in-custody – each on a \$30,000 bond – charges include Transportation of Dangerous Drugs and Misconduct involving Weapons.

Background - A K9 deputy observed a brown Ford pick-up travelling east on I40 commit a lane change violation and as result, stopped the truck near milepost 139. The truck contained 3 occupants including Fonseca as the driver, Smith riding as a passenger and another male. While conversing with them, deputies noticed numerous signs of deception as the occupants of the truck appeared to be more nervous than the innocent motoring public. Additionally, they were unable to answer basic questions that a group of passengers sharing a destination would commonly know. At this point, it was believed the vehicle likely contained contraband in the form of drugs.

The deputy deployed his K9 partner and observed the K9 alert on some furniture in the bed of the truck. During a check of the furniture, deputies located a safe installed and hidden under a wooden tabletop. Deputies opened the safe and found 4 packages wrapped in heavy duty tape all containing methamphetamine. During a search of the truck's interior, deputies found an additional 32 grams of meth hidden inside a portion of vehicle trim and a .45 caliber handgun wrapped in a towel. During follow-up, the third passenger was deemed not involved with the contraband and eventually released. (continued)



Handicapped man rescued in remote Camp Verde area –

On November 23, 2014, around 4:30 PM, deputies were dispatched to a wash area off Forest Road 9203J, northeast of Camp Verde, regarding an SUV that appeared stranded in the wash. The reporting party also heard some yelling near the vehicle but could not get close enough to see what was happening. Deputies arrived and had to utilize a 4x4 vehicle on a portion of the road and then could only access the target location after hiking another ½ mile. Upon arrival, they located 41-year-old Sean Maguire of Rimrock, lying in the wash in front of his vehicle with a wheelchair parked nearby. Sean told deputies he was a paraplegic, recently had back surgery, and had sustained injuries from this crash. He was extremely dehydrated and claimed he had been stuck for several days in the wash without food or water.



Sean told deputies he left a family member's home in Camp Verde a few days prior with no particular destination in mind. He was unsure how he ended up in the wash. Sean also indicated he uses a walking cane to assist in controlling the gas and brakes on his SUV. Family members last saw Sean on November 20, 2014.

DPS Ranger was notified and Sean was airlifted to safety in Camp Verde and treated pending a helicopter ride to a Phoenix area hospital. Sean suffered dehydration, rib injuries, and back pain.

YCSO is very grateful to the reporting party who was alert to cries from Sean and called right away. Sean was truly stranded and subject to exposure as the nights had been very cold and there was no way he could move his vehicle out of the wash.

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www.ycsoaz.gov